

PREFIX MEALS

More Media Bloopers with Waggish Comebacks

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Below, a fresh batch of entertaining mistakes and anomalies followed by witty ripostes—
assembled for my book in progress, the working title of which is *To “Er. . .” is Human*.
Contributions, to the above address, are welcome.

The New York Times, restaurant review, March 8, 2009:

The restaurant is offering a prefix dinner menu with a choice of two courses for \$35 or
three courses for \$42.

If you order a plate of suffixes for dessert, there will be an additional charge.

The New York Sun, headline, August 25, 2008:

CLOSING CEREMONIES BRING OLYMPICS TO AN END

And in belated news, the games began with the opening ceremonies.

The Wall Street Journal, Weekend Edition, August 23-24, 2008:

“In today’s world, the cellphone number is . . . worth more than its weight in gold,” said
Zaw Thet, chief executive of 4INFO Inc., a text-messaging and content provider.

So according to the scale. . . .

The New York Times, “Inside Art” column, September 19, 2008:

Death is always a good thing for auction houses, and this season Christie’s was able to
secure two major estates. . . .

I knew we shouldn’t have fired the Tact Editor.

Playboy, “Advisor” column, December 2008:

Vibrators are now “trendy”. . . . [With this model,] if a woman finds a sequence she likes,
she pushes a button and the rechargeable toy memorizes it.

A feature that not all males offer.

The New York Times, June 25, 2008:

Brenda Stanhouse, who bought the game for her son, 15 years old at the time, said in a deposition that she did not know [about all the criminal activities depicted] “I’m aware that there is killing in the game,” Ms. Stanhouse said in the deposition. “I wasn’t aware of the stealing.”

Now *that* puts it off limits.

New York Magazine, June 9, 2008:

[At Egg, a hip breakfast venue,] chef-owner George Weld has forged a modest kingdom from local-free-roaming-chicken’s eggs and artisanal heirloom grits.

Land sakes, child. In my day, we just wanted to know hominy there were.

The New York Times, Corrections, September 3, 2008:

A picture caption on Thursday with the continuation of an article about Senator Barack Obama’s life and career referred incorrectly to a stick from his grandmother’s village in Kenya that he displays in his office. It is a leopard-beating stick, not a tiger-beating stick. (There are, of course, no tigers in Africa.)

Now we know why!

The New York Times, Corrections, February 12, 2009:

An article on Jan. 24 about hip-hop in China misstated the family name of a Chinese rapper and of the director of Acupuncture Records, which produces hip-hop recordings. The rapper is Wang Li, not Wong Li, and the director of Acupuncture Records is Wang Miao, not Wong Miao.

They aren’t Wong . . . but we are.

The New York Times, Corrections, January 29, 2009:

An article on Saturday . . . referred incorrectly to an enterprise of a woman known as the Baroness. . . . While she hosts what she describes as New York’s longest-running fetish party, she does not run an S&M dungeon.

Shucks!

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